

STATEMENT OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A container for transportation and/or storage of items, the container comprising:

an enclosure;

a securing arrangement comprising an upright restraint configured to be advanced and retracted across the width of the container for holding the items in an upright orientation;

an access arrangement, enabling placing items into the container or removing items from the container, the access arrangement providing access by means of an uppermost portion and of the container and an access permitting end portion of the container provided with an access into the container; and further comprising an access arrangement comprising a movable side panel proximate an said access permitting end portion of the container; and said side panel being movable to render open a corner of the container at said access permitting end portion of the container.

~~a plurality of spaced slide elements extending in the direction of the width of the container, in the region of the bottom of the container.~~

2. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein the container is of frame construction.

3. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein the container has one or more openable or open ends.

4. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein the container has a closed end panel.

5. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein the container has an openable or open top.
6. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein the side panel proximate the access permitting end of the container is movable to open the end side portion of the container.
7. (previously presented) A container according to claim 6, wherein the side panel is movable by being pivotable.
8. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein side panels on opposed sides of the container are movable to open respective end side portions of the container.
9. (previously presented) A container according to claim 8, wherein the movable side panels on opposed sides of the container are positioned proximate opposed ends of the container.
10. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein a lower portion of the container includes frame openings for receiving tines of lifting apparatus.
11. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein the upper and lower portions of the container are provided with stacking formations enabling stacking of containers one on top of another.
12. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein the upright restraint of the securing arrangement extends in an upright orientation for the major extent of the height of the container.

13. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein the securing arrangement includes support means mounting the upright restraint, and facilitating ease of movement of the upright restraint in the width direction of the container.

14. (previously presented) A container according to claim 13, wherein the upright restraint is at least one of (i) supported to be movable on a rotatable support arrangement- and (ii) constrained to move along a track.

15. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein a lock arrangement is provided for locking the upright restraint at a selected position across the width of the container.

16. (previously presented) A container according to claim 15, wherein the lock arrangement includes a series of spaced lock position locators for locking the upright restraint at one or more of a defined series of positions across the width of the container.

17. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein the upright restraint carries at least one contact member for contacting the adjacent item in the container.

18. (previously presented) A container according to claim 17, including an adjustment arrangement for urging the contact member into securing engagement with the adjacent item in the container.

19. (previously presented) A container according to claim 17, wherein the contact member is angularly adjustable relative to the upright restraint.

20. (previously presented) A container according to claim 17, wherein the contact member comprises a flexible or resilient contact layer for contacting an adjacent item in the container.

21. (previously presented) A container according to claim 17, wherein a contact member arrangement includes upper and lower contact members carried by the upright restraint.
22. (previously presented) A container according to claim 17, wherein at least one contact member is mounted to the container spaced from and facing the upright restraint.
23. (previously presented) A container according to claim 22, wherein the at least one contact member carried by the container is angularly adjustable with respect to the container.
24. (previously presented) A container according to claim 17, wherein one or more contact members are at least one of height adjustable and reorientatable with respect to the container.
25. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein slide elements are provided at opposed sides of the upright restraint.
26. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein a slide element is provided across the end portion provided with the access.
27. (previously presented) A container according to claim 25, wherein the slide element includes a friction reduced surface layer promoting sliding of the items during loading or unloading.
28. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein the container includes a securing element arranged to lie in engagement with the underside of the items in the container.
29. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, in combination a plurality of sheet items in upright orientation contained therein for transportation or storage thereof.

30. (previously presented) A container according to claim 29, wherein the sheet items are glass sheets.

31. (previously presented) A container according to claim 30, wherein the glass sheets include a number of differently configured vehicle windscreens.

32. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1 containing a number of sheet items in upright orientation in combination with a second container including side doors permitting accessing to the interior of the second container.

33. (cancelled)

34. (new) A container according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of spaced slide elements extending in the direction of the width of the container, in the region of the bottom of the container.

35. (new) A container according to claim 1, wherein:  
said moveable side panel comprises a door.

36. (new) A container according to claim 35, wherein:  
said door is pivotable about a plurality of support posts for access to said access permitting end portion of the container.